

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-22 and 25 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-14, 22 and 25 have been cancelled and claims 26-38 have been added herein. Accordingly, claims 15-21 and 26-38 are currently pending. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

In the final Office Action dated December 26, 2007, the Examiner stated that the IDS filed October 20, 2003 fails to comply with the provision of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609 because the Shark reference entry fails to disclose a publication date. Applicants are resubmitting the Shark reference in a new IDS which includes the Shark reference publication date of February, 1988. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the Shark reference and initial the accompanying PTO/SB/08b form.

In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-8, 13, 14, 22 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,754,292 B1 (“Pulley”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,842,478 B1 (“Ogino”). The Examiner rejected claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pulley in view of Ogino and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,818,869 (“Miya”). Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 4-12, 22 and 25. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

The Examiner stated in the final Office Action that claims 15-21 are allowed. All currently pending claims in the application depend from allowable independent claims 15 or 19, therefore Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added by this amendment. If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact Applicants' Attorney, Stephen Shaw, at 972-917-5137. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees due in connection with this filing, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

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